

Amendments to the Specification:

1. Page 1, after first paragraph, insert the following:

---BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention---

2. Page 1, after line 10, insert the following:

---2. Discussion of Background Information---

3. Page 2, after line 7, insert the following:

---SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a cosmetic or dermatological composition which comprises from 5 % to 50 % by weight of one or more polyols and from 0.01 % to 75 % by weight of one or more betaines.

In one aspect of the composition, the one or more polyols may comprise glycerol and/or sorbitol, preferably at least glycerol.

In another aspect, the composition may comprise from 5 % to 20 % by weight of the one or more polyols, e.g., up to 15 % by weight of the one or more polyols.

In yet another aspect of the composition, the one or more betaines may comprise trimethylglycine.

In a still further aspect, the composition may comprise from 0.5 % to 50 % by weight of the one or more betaines, e.g., up to 15 % by weight and/or at least 3 % by weight of the one or

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more betaines.

In yet another aspect, the composition may further comprise a UV filter substance, e.g., a UVA filter substance and/or a UVB filter substance, and/or the composition may further comprises a pigment, e.g., at least one of TiO_2 , ZnO and BaSO_4 .

In another aspect, the composition may further comprise one or more antioxidants. For example, the one or more antioxidants may be present in a concentration of from 0.05 % to 7 % by weight.

The present invention also provides an emulsion which comprises the composition of the present invention, including the various aspects thereof.

In one aspect, the emulsion may be an O/W emulsion. In another aspect, the emulsion may be a W/O emulsion.

The present invention also provides a body lotion, a skin cream, a face cream and a sunscreen, all of which comprise the composition of the present invention, including the various aspects thereof.

The present invention further provides a method of reducing the stickiness of a polyol-containing cosmetic or dermatological composition and a method of reducing the greasy skin sensation of a polyol-containing cosmetic or dermatological composition. These methods comprise the incorporation of one or more betaines into the composition.

The present invention also provides a method of improving the sensory properties of a cosmetic or dermatological composition and a method of reducing the adherence of foreign particles, e.g., sand particles, to skin treated with a cosmetic or dermatological composition.

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4. Page 8, before last paragraph, insert and center the following:

---DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION---

5. Page 15, first line, please change "**Patent claims**" to ---WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:---